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**AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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First Named Inventor	OUYANG, TIANMEI
Application Number	09/988,494
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Group Art Unit	1651
Examiner Name	DAVIS, RUTH A.
Title:	"STABILIZED TETRAZOLIUM PHENAZINE REAGENT COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME"

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 20, 2003. As such, this response is timely filed.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.